



# Grants, Resources and Notices from the Federal Government

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*This following is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information.*

*This list is not exhaustive but representative of various funding opportunities, resources and notices from the Federal Government of interest to the Fifth District. This information is subject to change and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.*

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### Basic Grants Information

Where to look to get started.

**Grants and Federal Domestic Assistance on Congresswoman Tsongas' Website:**

<http://tsongas.house.gov/index.cfm?sectionid=13&sectiontree=4,13>

**The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)** is the primary source of federal grants program information, although actual funding depends upon annual congressional budget appropriations. The Catalog is available free full-text

on the Internet at <http://www.cfda.gov/> and allows searching by keyword and by various indexes such as department, agency, program, subject, beneficiary, and applicant eligibility.

Federal grant funding opportunities are posted on the website **Grants.gov**  
<http://www.grants.gov>.

The website enables grant seekers to electronically find and apply for competitive grants from all federal agencies. Again, for full program information, CFDA numbers are given. The site also allows users to receive e-mail notification of future grant opportunities, to apply for federal grants online through a unified process, and to track their grant application after submission.

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**U.S Department of Education**  
**List of Currently Open Grant Competitions**

CFDA#	Closing Date	Program Name [and Principal Office]
84.274A	4/5/2011	American Overseas Research Centers (AORC) Program [OPE]
84.215X	4/4/2011	Teaching American History Program [OII]
84.356A	4/1/2011	Alaska Native Education [OESE]
84.364A	3/28/2011	Improving Literacy Through School Libraries [OESE]
84.365C	3/21/2011	Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program [OELA]
84.282A	3/18/2011	Charter Schools Program (CSP): State Educational Agencies [OII]
84.133A-3	3/7/2011	Model Systems Knowledge Translation Center [OSERS]
84.133A-5	3/7/2011	National Data and Statistical Center for the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model Systems [OSERS]
84.133A-1	3/7/2011	National Data and Statistical Center for the Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Model Systems [OSERS]

For More Information:  
<http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/grantapps/index.html>

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**U.S Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration**  
**Garrett A. Morgan Technology & Transportation Education (GAMTTEP) Program**

GAMTTEP funding improves the preparation of students, particularly women and minorities, in science, technology, engineering and mathematics through curriculum development and other activities related to transportation.

Application Deadline: **February 21, 2011**

Eligibility:  
School districts and state educational agencies

For More Information:  
[http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpp/gamttep\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpp/gamttep_brochure.pdf)

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**U.S Department of Commerce**  
**Nancy Foster Scholarship Program**

Only individuals who are United States citizens currently pursuing a Master's or doctoral level degree in oceanography, marine biology or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, and resource management of ocean and coastal areas) at a U.S. accredited graduate institution are eligible for an award under this scholarship program. In addition, students must have and maintain a minimum cumulative and term grade point average of 3.0 and maintain full-time student status for every term, and for the duration of their award. Universities or other organizations may not apply on behalf of an individual. Prospective scholars do not need to be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application, but must be admitted to a graduate level program in order to be awarded this scholarship. Eligibility must be maintained for each succeeding year of support and annual reporting requirements, to be specified at a later date, will apply.

Application Deadline: **Mar 17, 2011**

Eligibility:

Only individuals who are United States citizens currently pursuing a Master's or doctoral level degree in oceanography, marine biology or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, and resource management of ocean and coastal areas) at a U.S. accredited graduate institution are eligible for an award under this scholarship program.

For More Information:

<http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov/>

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**U.S Department of Agriculture**  
**National Institute of Food & Agriculture - Organic Research & Extension Initiative**

Organic Research & Extension Initiative helps solve critical organic agriculture issues, priorities or problems through the integration of research and extension activities. OREI funds research and extension programs that enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products.

Application Deadline: **February 10, 2011**

Eligibility:

Colleges and universities, nonprofits and for-profits, including small businesses

For More Information:

[http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/11\\_orei.doc](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/pdfs/11_orei.doc)

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**United States Department of Health and Human Services**  
**List of Currently Open Grant Competitions**

For more info:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=AGENCYSEARCH&agency=HHS>

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency**  
**2010 Environmental Research Grant Announcements**

**2010 Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Research Grants EPA Grants**

- Understanding Day Care Environments of Children - Opens June 2010 - Postponed until 2011
- Dynamic Air Quality Management - Opens October 2010
- Coarse Particulate Matter - Opens November 2010
- Tribal Environmental Health Science - Opens March 2010 Postponed until 2011

For more info:  
<http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/#CurrentStar>

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Environmental Workforce Development & Job Training**

The grantees will deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment and cleanup-associated activities. While Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants focus on hazardous and solid waste remediation and health and safety, applicants may design their own curriculums by choosing what types of supplemental environmental training they want to provide.

Application deadline: **March 18, 2011**

Eligibility:  
Governments and nonprofits

For More Information:  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-oblr-11-01.pdf>

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**United States Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Environmental Justice Small Grants Program**

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help them understand and address environmental and public health issues in their communities. Successful collaborative partnerships involve not only well-designed strategic plans to build, maintain and sustain the partnerships, but also working towards addressing the local environmental and public health issues.

Application deadline: **March 31, 2011**

Eligibility:  
Nonprofits

For more info:  
<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>

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**United States Department of Homeland Security**  
**List of Grant Competitions**

For more info:  
<http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/grants/>

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**United States Department of Homeland Security**  
**Fiscal Year 2010 Citizenship and Integration Grant Program**

This funding opportunity will focus on local programs currently promoting the rights and responsibilities of citizenship through citizenship preparation programs for LPRs. Proposed activities must include a citizenship education component consisting of citizenship or civics-focused ESL instruction and citizenship instruction (U.S. history and government) to prepare LPRs for the civics, and English reading, writing and speaking components of the naturalization test. In addition to the mandatory education component, grant funds may be used to provide naturalization application preparation assistance, including legal services (within the scope of authorized practice of immigration law) and case management services to support the naturalization application and interview process. Grant funds may also be used for outreach to inform LPRs of services offered through this grant funded program, staff professional development, and

volunteer training. Grants will be awarded to organizations proposing citizenship education services only, as well as to organizations proposing both citizenship education services and naturalization application preparation assistance.

Application deadline: **April 30, 2010**

Eligibility:

Organizations eligible for this funding include, but are not limited to, public or private non-profit groups such as public school systems; universities or community colleges; civic, community, and faith-based organizations; adult education programs; public libraries; and volunteer and/or literacy organizations.

For More Information:

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=3c501c7dcb507210VgnVCM100000082ca60aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=8a2f6d26d17df110VgnVCM1000004718190aRCRD>

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**United States Department of Justice**  
**List of Currently Open Grant Competitions**

<u>Solicitation</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Apply</u>
<b><u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u></b>		
<a href="#">Criminal Intelligence System Operating Policies (28 CFR Part 23) National Training and Technical Assistance Program</a>	<a href="#">02/10/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Intellectual Property Crime Enforcement Program</a>	<a href="#">02/10/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Projects for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles</a>	<a href="#">03/03/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b><u>Bureau of Justice Statistics</u></b>		
<a href="#">State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers, 2011</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants Management System (GMS)</a>
<b><u>National Institute of Justice</u></b>		
<a href="#">Body Armor Standards Research for Criminal Justice Applications</a>	<a href="#">02/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Expert Systems Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications</a>	<a href="#">02/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Electronic Surveillance Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications</a>	<a href="#">02/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Sensor, Surveillance, and Biometric Technologies for Criminal Justice Applications</a>	<a href="#">02/14/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Social Science Research on Forensic Science</a>	<a href="#">02/22/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">NIJ Ph.D. Graduate Research Fellowship Program FY 2011</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Data Resources Program 2011: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships</a>	<a href="#">03/01/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>

<a href="#">National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs)</a>	<a href="#">03/04/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Officer Traffic Safety Research and Technology Development for Criminal Justice Applications</a>	<a href="#">03/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Analysis of the Criminal Justice System's Data Architecture</a>	<a href="#">03/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Solving Cold Cases With DNA</a>	<a href="#">03/08/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Research and Evaluation on International Organized Crime</a>	<a href="#">03/16/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons</a>	<a href="#">03/16/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Research and Evaluation in Crime Control and Prevention</a>	<a href="#">03/17/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Research and Evaluation in Justice Systems</a>	<a href="#">03/17/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011</a>	<a href="#">03/22/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence</a>	<a href="#">04/04/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Applied Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes</a>	<a href="#">04/05/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">Research on Violence and Victimization Across the Life-Span</a>	<a href="#">04/06/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b><u>Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</u></b>		
<a href="#">FY 2011 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Block Grants Program</a>	<a href="#">02/15/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants Management System (GMS)</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Juvenile Accountability Block Grants Program</a>	<a href="#">02/24/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants Management System (GMS)</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Tribal Youth Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Programs</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Tribal Youth National Mentoring Program</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Multi-State Mentoring Initiative</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 National Mentoring Programs</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Evaluations of Girls' Delinquency Programs</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 National Gang Center</a>	<a href="#">02/28/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Evaluation of Second Chance Act Juvenile Mentoring Initiatives</a>	<a href="#">03/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<a href="#">FY 2011 Field Initiated Research and Evaluation Program</a>	<a href="#">03/07/11</a>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b><u>Office for Victims of Crime</u></b>		

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**National Endowment for the Arts**  
**Literature Fellowship**

The NEA Literature Fellowships program offers \$25,000 grants in prose (fiction and creative nonfiction) and poetry to published creative writers that enable the recipients to set aside time for writing, research, travel, and general career advancement. The NEA Literature Fellowships program operates on a two-year cycle with fellowships in prose and poetry available in alternating years. For FY 2012, which is covered by these guidelines, fellowships in prose are available. Fellowships in poetry will be offered in FY 2013 and guidelines will be available in January 2012. Individuals may apply only once each year.

Application Deadline: **March 3, 2011**

For more info:

If you have questions about your application, please contact the Literature staff at 202/682-5034 or e-mail

[LitFellowships@arts.gov](mailto:LitFellowships@arts.gov)

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Lit/index.html>

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**National Endowment for the Arts**  
**Grant Opportunities**

To explore available funding opportunities, click on the artistic discipline or field below that is most relevant to your project. In most areas, funding is limited to organizations. (Direct awards to individuals are made only through Literature Fellowships, NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships, NEA Opera Honors, and NEA National Heritage Fellowships in the Folk & Traditional Arts.)

Application Deadline: **Varies**

For more info:

<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html>

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**National Endowment for the Humanities**  
**Landmarks of American History & Culture: Community College Teachers**

These funds support a series of one-week residence-based workshops for a national audience of community college educators. NEH Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops use historic sites to address central themes and issues in American history, government, literature, art, music, and other related subjects in the humanities.

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2011**

For more info:

<http://www.neh.gov/projects/landmarks-college.html>

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**National Endowment for the Humanities**  
**Summer Seminars & Institutes**

These grants support faculty development programs in the humanities for K-12 school teachers and for college and university teachers. NEH Summer Seminars and Institutes may be as short as two weeks or as long as five weeks. The duration of a program should allow for a rigorous treatment of its topic.

Application Deadline: **March 1, 2011**

For more info:

<http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/seminars.html>

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**Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
**Emergency Capital Repair Program for Multifamily Housing Projects Designated for Occupancy by the Elderly**

This program provides funding emergency capital repairs to eligible multifamily projects owned by private nonprofit entities that are designated for occupancy by elderly tenants.

Application deadline: **Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until Nov. 29, 2011**

Eligibility:

Private nonprofit owners of eligible multifamily-assisted housing developments designated for occupancy by elderly tenants

For More Information:

<https://www.cfda.gov/?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=b8f4c9b8928424a879a6243b337375b6>

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**Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
**Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency: Service Coordinators Program**

This program will issue grants to provide funding to hire and maintain Service Coordinators who will assess the needs of residents of conventional Public Housing or Indian housing and coordinate available resources in the community to meet those needs.

Application deadline: **February 21, 2011**

Eligibility:

Public housing authorities and not-for-profit organizations.

For More Information:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=FXC7MGbXf2Lk8vJfWdGZmJLCDBSZd2b9s9gTLjNyJ5Z1F8TMfM9C!-1503777161?oppld=58528&mode=VIEW>

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**National Science Foundation**  
**Cyberinfrastructure Training, Education, Advancement, and Mentoring for Our 21st Century Workforce (CI-TEAM)**

The CI-TEAM program supports projects that integrate science and engineering research and education activities that range from local activities to global-scale efforts, as appropriate, to promote, leverage and utilize cyberinfrastructure systems, tools and services.

Application deadline: **March 16, 2011**

For More Information:

<http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2011/nsf11515/nsf11515.htm>

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**Department of Treasury**  
**Internal Revenue Service**

**Internal Revenue Service Tax Tips**

More information is available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)



- **First-Time Homebuyer Credit and Long-Time Resident Credit**
  - Eligible first-time homebuyers who purchased a home on or before Apr. 30, 2010 or entered into a binding contract by April 30, 2010 and settled on the purchase on or before September 30, 2010 may be able to claim up to an \$8,000 tax credit.
  - Additionally, a new law also provides a “long-time resident” credit of up to \$6,500 for taxpayers who do not qualify as “first-time homebuyers.” To qualify for the \$6,500 credit, a buyer must have owned and used the same home as a principal or primary residence for at least five consecutive years of the eight-year period ending on the date of purchase of a new home as a primary residence. For qualifying purchases in 2010, you have the option of claiming the credit on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return. Paper returns must be filed to claim these credits and documentation of the purchase must be included with the return.
- **Get Credit for Making Your Home More Energy Efficient**
  - Tax incentives are still available for making energy efficient improvements to your home. You may be able to claim a “nonbusiness energy property credit” of 30% of the cost of certain energy-efficient property or improvements you placed in service in 2010.
  - This property can include high-efficiency heat pumps, air conditioners, and water heaters. It also may include energy-efficient windows, doors, insulation materials, and certain roofs. The credit has been expanded to include certain asphalt roofs and stoves that burn biomass fuel. The total amount of credit you can claim in 2009 and 2010 is \$1,500.
- **Get a Tax Break for Education Expenses**
  - The American Opportunity Credit, a modification of the Hope Credit has been expanded for 2009 and 2010 and is available to a broader range of taxpayers, including many with higher incomes and those who owe no tax.
  - It also adds required course materials to the list of qualifying expenses and allows the credit to be claimed for four post-secondary education years instead of two. Many of those eligible will qualify for the maximum annual credit of \$2,500 per student.
- **Get the Most Out of Your Retirement Accounts**
  - Are you maximizing your contributions to your retirement accounts? This year, you can contribute up to \$5,000 in an IRA, as well as another \$16,500 to a 401(k) employee plan. If you’re 50 or older, those numbers go up to \$6,000 and \$22,000, respectively.
- **The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**
  - The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable federal income tax credit for low-income working individuals and families. When the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, it results in a tax refund to those who qualify for and claim the credit. Find out if you qualify here:  
<http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=130102,00.html>

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**SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION**

**Did you know that nearly 96 percent of consumers live outside the U.S.?**

Small businesses interested in exporting now have a new online tool to help them tap into the global marketplace to grow their business. Developed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration, Six Steps to Begin Exporting, [www.export.gov/begin](http://www.export.gov/begin), is the latest tool in the National Export Initiative toolbox to help entrepreneurs begin exporting.

**Take advantage of the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit:**

The Internal Revenue Service released final guidance for small employers eligible to claim the new small business health care tax credit for the 2010 tax year.

- Form 8941, Credit for Small Employer Health Insurance Premiums, and newly revised Form 990-T are now available.
- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/i8941.pdf>
- <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8941.pdf>
- These credits are available for tax years 2010 through 2013 and for any two years after that. Through 2013, the maximum tax credit is 35 percent of premiums paid by small employers and 25 percent for eligible tax-exempt organizations. Beginning in 2014, those levels increase to 50 percent and 35 percent, respectively. Importantly, these credits are just one of many benefits in the Affordable Care Act. Most notably, in 2014, firms with up to 100 workers will be able to pool their buying power and reduce their administrative costs by purchasing coverage through a health insurance exchange.

**Small Business Program for Veterans**

A very popular initiative that in just three-and-a-half years has provided more than \$560 million in loan guarantees to nearly 7,000 veterans to start or expand their small businesses is being renewed for three more years, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration. Patriot Express, a streamlined pilot loan product based on the agency's SBA Express program, offers an enhanced guaranty and interest rate on loans to small businesses owned by veterans, reservists and their spouses.

Patriot Express loans are offered by SBA's network of participating lenders nationwide and feature one of SBA's fastest turnaround times for loan approvals. Patriot Express loans are available for up to \$500,000. The Patriot Express loan can be used for most business purposes, including start-up, expansion, equipment purchases, working capital, inventory or business-occupied real-estate purchases. Local SBA district offices can provide lists of Patriot Express lenders in their areas. Details on the initiative can be found at [www.sba.gov/patriotexpress](http://www.sba.gov/patriotexpress).

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**Small Business Administration**  
**Looking for funding and other financial resources?**

Federal, state and local governments offer a wide range of financing programs to help small businesses start and grow their operations. These programs include low-interest loans, venture capital, and scientific and economic development grants.

For more info:

Business.gov, the official business link to the U.S. Government has a great resource page:

<http://www.business.gov/financing/index.html>

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**Small Business Administration**  
**Guarantees on Pools of Portions of Eligible 504 First Mortgage Loans**

The U.S. Small Business Administration today announced the first nine loan pool originators authorized by the agency to assemble and sell pools of 504 program first mortgage loans, a major step to jump-starting a secondary market that should make fixed asset financing more widely available for small businesses.

Prior to the recent disruption in the credit market, a private secondary market for these loans existed, but has not revived as the economy has started to rebound. SBA expects this new program to breathe new life into that secondary market and improve access to credit for small businesses by providing a resource that can help boost liquidity to small business lenders. Under the program, the SBA will provide a government guarantee on pools of portions of eligible 504 first mortgage loans assembled by approved pool originators to be sold to third-party investors. Lenders will retain at least 15 percent of each individual loan, pool originators will assume 5 percent of the risk, and the SBA will guarantee the remaining 80 percent.

Typically, a 504 project includes three elements: a loan (or first mortgage) secured with a senior lien from a private-sector lender covering up to 50 percent of the project cost, a second mortgage secured with a junior lien from a Certified Development Company (backed by a 100 percent SBA-guaranteed debenture) covering up to 40 percent of the cost, and a contribution of at least 10 percent equity from the small business borrower.

Under the new program, portions of the senior liens are pooled by pool originators and sold to investors in the secondary market. To be eligible to be included in a pool, the first mortgage must be associated with a 504 loan disbursed on or after February 17, 2009. The program **will be in place until February 16, 2011**, **OR** until **\$3 billion in new pools** are created, whichever occurs first.

For more info:

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/elending/secondarymarket/index.html>